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Applicants: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al.

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For: MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 4, 1998

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 5, 1998, the due date for filing a response having been extended one (1) month to June 5, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

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01 FC:115 a modification of a deproteinized natural rubber having a nitrogen content of less than 0.10% by weight; wherein said modification is carried out by graft copolymerizing said deproteinized natural rubber with an organic compound having an unsaturated bond selected from methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, methyl methacrylate,